

House Resolution 661

By: Representatives Stephens of the 164th, Parrish of the 156th, and Wilkinson of the 52nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing his Excellency Dr. Klaus Scharioth, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of
2 Germany to the United States, upon his visit to Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, on March 27, 2007, his Excellency Dr. Klaus Scharioth, Ambassador of the
4 Federal Republic of Germany to the United States, will travel to Georgia to meet with leaders
5 of this state; and

6 WHEREAS, Porsche Cars North America, which has its continental headquarters in Georgia,
7 will host the ambassador during his visit; and

8 WHEREAS, in the first half of 2007, Germany holds the presidency of the Council of the
9 European Union for the twelfth time, and the ambassador represents the presidency during
10 his visit; and

11 WHEREAS, as a founding member of the European Economic Community, the Federal
12 Republic of Germany played a significant role in determining the manner, direction, and rate
13 of European integration; and

14 WHEREAS, the European Union celebrates on March 25, 2007, the 50th anniversary of the
15 signing of the Treaties of Rome, which provided the foundation for the creation of the
16 European Economic Community, which later became the European Union; and

17 WHEREAS, the 27 countries in the European Union are significant economic partners with
18 the State of Georgia, with more than 1,000 European Union companies based in the state;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, such significant and mutually beneficial economic ties provide jobs for
21 Georgians, and it is in the best interest of this state to increase such opportunities by

1 attracting, retaining, and growing European Union economic investments, businesses, and
2 operations in this state; and

3 WHEREAS, it is the desire of this body to encourage greater collaborations and exchanges
4 between Georgia and European Union countries in fields of scientific research; and

5 WHEREAS, it will be mutually beneficial to foster stronger cultural ties and exchanges
6 between this state and the countries of the European Union by means of foreign student
7 exchange programs between institutions of higher learning.

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
9 the members of this body recognize Ambassador Scharioth upon his visit to Georgia in
10 support of the aforementioned goals.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
12 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to his Excellency Dr. Klaus
13 Scharioth, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to the United States, and
14 Hans-Joerg Brunner, Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany in Atlanta,
15 Georgia.